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Status

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- ☐ This action is FINAL.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 54-76 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) 54-60 64, 68 72 76 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 54-58 61-63 65-67 69-71 73-75 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1 7.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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1. Claims ⁵⁴~~45~~-58, 61-63, 65-67, 69, ~~71~~ and 73-75 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fitzgerald in view of Kydd et al., Japanese Patent 4183804A and Tsubuko et al. Applicant's arguments have been carefully considered but are deemed not persuasive in view of the following new arguments and references. Fitzgerald teaches a novel powder that can be utilized as a toner having reflected flakes. Kydd et al. also teaches a metallic toner particle (note column 5 lines 10-20) in which a silver flake is utilized as the metallic powder and can be utilized in a toner composition. The Japanese patent and Tsubuko et al. are recited in action No. 20. Applicant can overcome the above rejection by including both the polymer binder as an ionomer with the dimensions of the metallic flake. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to utilize metal flakes in a toner composition in which the metal flakes are dispersed in a polymer in forming a particle that is utilized in electrophotographic development.

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